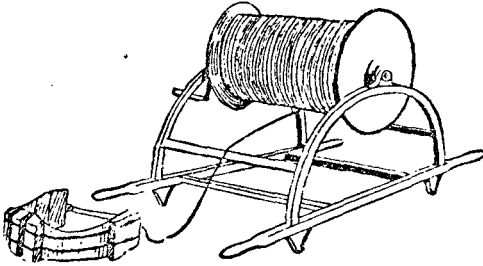


**NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING  
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ESTABLISHED 1932



*Vigilance — Service — Endurance*

SIXTH

**Annual Report**

and

**Statement of Accounts**

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To be presented at the

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on

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 1938**

in the

**WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD'S ROOM,**

**MERCER STREET, WELLINGTON, N.Z.**

At 7.30 p.m.

# THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION.

Established 1932.

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## Sixth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

SEASON ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1938.

For presentation at the Annual General Meeting  
of the Association to be held in the Wellington  
Education Board's Room on the 22nd October,  
1938, at 7.30 p.m.

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Gentlemen,

In submitting for your consideration the Sixth Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Association your Council feels that the operations of the last year have been most successful and the various results achieved, which will be dealt with under separate headings, should give gratification to those who are interested in the progress of our organisation. The year has been an exceptionally heavy one as matters of importance to the future policy of the Association have received the fullest consideration of your various sub-committees and the Council as a whole. The Council desires from the outset to express its deep appreciation of the continued interest and activities of the District Associations and Individual Clubs. The widening influences of Surf Life-Saving Clubs throughout the Dominion is evidenced by the ever-increasing number of the general public who attend the beaches and watch interestedly the operations of the teams in their drills and competitions. It is becoming more apparent that if the beaches are to be made safe for the bathers then it is essential that Surf Life-Saving Clubs should be operating on all beaches where the public congregate and should be fully equipped to render the greatest service promptly to those in distress. To this goal the Association is steadily working and the increase in the number of new clubs formed during the past year is gratifying indeed. What is required is a general recognition by the public of the Dominion as to the value of the self-sacrificing services the members of such clubs are rendering to the community as a whole. **IT IS COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE WIDEST SENSE OF THE WORD.** For the efficient equipment of the clubs finances are essential and in this respect the community can assist the clubs by making donations to the funds. Local Bodies have power to make donations to such organisations as ours and the Council, in this report, seeks the opportunity of making a definite appeal to Local Bodies in New Zealand to recognise the service.

Surf Life-Saving Clubs are rendering to their particular district in the patrolling of the beaches and the safeguarding of human lives and to render financial assistance to the clubs so that they can continue to operate in as an efficient manner as humanly possible. MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUBS SHOULD NOT BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE ALL THE SACRIFICES. A common duty devolves on Local Bodies and the general public to assist. It is pleasing to note that in some districts the Local Authority recognises the position and do their best to help the work of the clubs in its district, but this spirit of thoughtfulness is the exception to the rule. The day of lip service of appreciation of the work done should be ended and what is desired is a genuine indication, backed up by financial grants, that the work is given that degree of local importance as it justly merits.

### HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

We record with pleasure the continued interest of His Majesty King George VI. in the operations of the Royal Life-Saving Society and Surf Life-Saving Association as indicated in communication forwarded to the Central Executive (London). It is gratifying to note the continued interest of His Majesty in the work being done and in pledging our loyalty to the Crown may we express the desire that the reign of His Majesty and Queen Elizabeth will be a long and happy one.

### REPORTED RESCUES FROM DROWNING.

The National value of the operations of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs is evidenced by the following series of figures indicating the number of rescues reported by 39 clubs with either reel or line or without such equipment and also the number of persons who received resuscitation treatment and the large number who received first aid treatment by members of clubs during the past year. These figures indicate the results achieved, but words and figures fail to express the value of the self-sacrificing spirit of those who, in many cases, went out in most difficult and dangerous circumstances to render that assistance to those in distress which meant the saving of another life. They recognised their duty and did it well. The spirit of self-sacrifice is the fundamental principle that underlies the work of a surf life-saver. His task is to patrol the beach and to be ready at all times to render assistance when the need arises. How that principle has been maintained is gauged by a review of the figures below. Unfortunately the compiled list does not cover all the clubs operating under the jurisdiction of the Association but the figures tabulated stand out as monuments of service rendered not only to the particular individuals concerned but to the community as a whole. It will be noted the increasing number recorded as having received FIRST AID, and indicates the general ability of the members of clubs to render varied services to those in distress.

What an alarming state of affairs would exist on our coast line if surf clubs did not operate on those beaches so much sought after by those who indulge in surf bathing and swimming. Truly it can be said that members of Surf Life-Saving Clubs are WATCHERS OF THE SEA—EVER READY TO ASSIST.

## FIGURES THAT STAND OUT LIKE SIGNAL BEACONS.

### Rescues During 1937 Season.

Rescues with belt and line .....	56
Rescues without belt and line .....	85
Total	141
Received Resuscitation Treatment .....	17
Received First Aid Treatment .....	181

Grand Total 339

The above returns are from 39 Clubs.

### AN ACHIEVEMENT WORTHY OF NOTE.

The total of reported rescues for the past year totalling 141 when added to the number of 2,015 lives saved as shown in the last report brings the TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED RESCUES to 2156. These figures clearly demonstrate the great value to the community the operations of the clubs and is a tribute to the efficiency of the members. The economic value of the lives thus saved to the Dominion must be of a high figure.

### SUMMARY OF REPORTED RESCUES—TREATMENT.

District	With Belt and Line.	Without Line.	Surf Boat	Resuscitation.	First Aid.
<b>Auckland—</b>					
Milford .....	2	16	—	—	8
Whakatane .....	—	—	—	—	32
Gisborne .....	—	7	—	—	1
Eastern United .....	—	—	—	—	10
Waitemata .....	—	1	—	1	15
Hamilton .....	—	2	—	2	—
Piha .....	3	5	—	—	63
Waihi .....	4	2	—	4	—
Mt. Maunganui .....	7	5	—	2	3
Milford Girls .....	—	—	—	—	12
North Shore .....	1	4	—	1	—
Takapuna .....	1	1	—	1	9
Wainui .....	1	—	—	1	4
Waitemata .....	1	—	—	—	—
<b>Canterbury—</b>					
North Beach .....	—	—	—	—	—
Sumner .....	—	6	—	—	4
Taylor's Mistake .....	2	4	—	—	—
Waimiri Beach .....	—	—	—	—	—
New Brighton .....	—	—	—	—	—
Kaiapoi Pines Beach .....	—	—	—	—	—
South New Brighton .....	—	—	—	—	3
<b>Taranaki—</b>					
Fitzroy .....	21	6	—	1	1
Opunake .....	2	1	—	—	3
East End .....	1	3	—	—	—
Ohawe .....	—	—	—	—	—
Patea .....	—	2	—	—	—
N.P. Old Boys .....	—	5	—	—	—
Oakura .....	—	—	—	—	—
Inaha .....	—	—	—	—	—
N.P. High School: Boys .....	2	—	—	—	—

District	With Belt and Line.	Without Line.	Surf Boat	Resuscitation.	First Aid.
<b>Wellington—</b>					
Lyaill Bay .....	2	4	—	—	—
Maranui .....	1	—	—	—	1
Island Bay .....	—	—	—	—	—
Paekakariki .....	—	—	—	—	2
Worsler Bay .....	—	—	—	—	5
Y.M.C.A. ....	—	—	—	—	5
<b>Individual Clubs—</b>					
Castlecliff .....	3	10	—	3	—
Foxton .....	3	—	—	1	—
Te Awa .....	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Grand Totals</b> .....	<b>56</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>181</b>

#### Non-Receipt of Annual Returns.

Owing to the non-receipt of annual returns from ten clubs the above figures must be accepted as an incomplete record of rescues, etc.

#### EFFICIENT SERVICE TO MANKIND.

The foregoing summary of reported rescues and treatment portrays in no small degree the excellent services rendered by members of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs of the Dominion and the Association takes this opportunity of extending its congratulations and appreciation to those members of clubs who in any way assisted during the season to rescue those in distress and to all clubs thanks are extended for their work in patrolling the beaches and making conditions safe and assured for the many bathers. Much has been done—MUCH MORE COULD BE DONE—if the clubs were afforded the opportunity of utilising their full strength of man power by the installation in all clubs of sufficient equipment to permit of extending the patrols on their own and adjacent beaches until such times that all the patronised beaches of the Dominion will be patrolled by members of Surf Life-Saving Clubs ever ready to render assistance. This is the objective of the New Zealand Surf Life-Saving Association. Local Bodies and the general public can help in furthering this objective: the question is—WILL THEY?

#### THE N.Z. GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION.

The Government of this Dominion undoubtedly recognises the value and work of our organisation and the operations of the clubs on the various beaches, and in the Hon. W. E. Parry, M.P., we have an Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs who is fully alive to the requirements of the clubs and the organisation and is willing at all times to give the fullest and most sympathetic hearing to overtures made through him to the Government for financial assistance. Not alone in the matter of finances is the Hon. Minister interested but also in the general control and conduct of the beaches and in due course we feel confident that the Surf Life-Saving Clubs of the Dominion will be given a definite status as the guardians of the beaches with the fullest and widest authorities to not only patrol the beaches but to decide on what area of the beach swimmers and bathers should be permitted to congregate—in their own interests and safety—for it is apparent to the observer that many bathers rush blindly into the water without making any enquiry as to the safety of the area and the consequent dangers of undertows, etc. With this objective we feel sure that the Government are in full

accord and it is only due to the necessity that such a change of policy requires the closest investigation from all angles that up to the present no definite action has been taken. The Association has no desire that its members should usurp the functions of local body inspectors or beach custodians but it is becoming apparent that a definite system of beach control will have to operate if it is desired that the greatest security will be given to the frequenters of the beaches. The Government, through the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs, made a substantial grant to the funds of the Association and in recording the receipt of this magnificent gift the Association desires to record its deep appreciation of the grant made and the recognition of the services rendered by the clubs by the Government of the Dominion. The excellent example set in the forwarding of this donation could, in a lesser degree no doubt, be followed by Local Bodies in making donations to Surf Life-Saving Clubs in their own district. The securing of necessary gear requires considerable finance and it should not be left alone to the State to carry the full burden of financial responsibility. Surely Local Bodies and the general public have much to gain by the efficient patrolling of the beaches and the saving of human lives. What is wanted is a spirit of financial co-operation by Local Bodies with the clubs of the district and in this respect the generous action of the Government could be followed with great advantage to everyone by Local Bodies. The work is definitely COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE WIDEST SENSE OF THE WORD, and it is not asking too much to ensure that the sacrifices will not be made by the members of clubs alone.

#### N.Z. SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The National Surf Life-Saving Championships were conducted on New Brighton Beach (Christchurch) on Saturday and Sunday, January 22nd and 23rd, and once again the controlling authority were confronted with unpleasant weather which made conditions for both competitors, officials and the general public far from pleasing. The arrangements for the conduct of the championships were undertaken by the Canterbury District Association and congratulations are extended to the Association and the various officials for the amount of detailed work undertaken to ensure the successful operation of the carnival. The climatic conditions undoubtedly affected the attendances on both days and affected considerably the financial results. Considerable local interest was aroused and the knowledge that the selection of members for the N.Z. Surf Life-Saving team to visit Australia would be made at the conclusion of the championships gave an added touch of interest to the various events which were competed for in the best of sporting spirit and in a general all-round efficient manner. This was the fourth occasion in succession that wet weather conditions were experienced during the currency of the championships and it is hoped that the 1930 Championships to be held at Auckland on February 16th and 17th next will be favoured with sunshine. The Championships were declared opened by His Worship the Mayor of New Brighton, who spoke of the great value rendered to the community by the clubs operating on the various beaches. The President of the Association (Mr. P. F. Coira), in introducing the various speakers congratulated the Canterbury Association on the arrangements made and the teams on their excellent appearance. The Athletics' Oath Declaration was made by Mr. N. Batchelor, of the Taylor's Mistake Club.



## OFFICIAL RESULTS OF 1938 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

### N.Z. SENIOR R. AND R. CHAMPIONSHIP—(Nelson Shield).

St. Clair Club (Otago), 1st.

New Brighton (Canterbury), 2nd.

Winning team—A. G. Beadle (Captain), H. Callender, C. W. Elliott, H. D. Gilies, J. Durand, E. Toase, J. Dyson.

Runners-up—L. J. Carson (Captain), A. T. F. Stokes, C. Ansley, H. Horsfall, M. Connor, M. Marks, M. T. Butterick.

### N.Z. JUNIOR R. AND R. CHAMPIONSHIP—(William Henry Memorial).

Lyall Bay (Wellington), 1st.

Taylor's Mistake (Canterbury), 2nd.

Winning Team—W. F. Griffin (Captain), J. Blackie, J. Bell, W. Cale, S. Scoones, F. Barnes, C. Stoddart.

Runners-up—J. A. Young (Captain), R. Marshall, D. Webb, J. B. Lenihan, E. McEwin, C. Roscoe, R. McKay.

### N.Z. MARCH PAST CHAMPIONSHIP—(Pacific Cup).

Lyall Bay (Wellington), 1st.

Maranui (Wellington), 2nd.

### N.Z. FOUR-MAN ALARM CHAMPIONSHIP.

Maranui B (Wellington), 1st.

Maranui A (Wellington), 2nd.

Winning team—K. F. Hoy (Captain), D. K. Evans, J. T. Clark, H. Hawken.

Runners-up—E. B. Hughes (Captain), C. A. Raven, F. Pennington, T. Hewitt.

### N.Z. SURF BELTMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

J. C. Blakeley (Lyall Bay Club, Wellington), 1st. Time, 2min. 43 1-5sec.

A. T. Dalton (North Beach Club, Canterbury), 2nd. Time, 2min. 45½ sec.

### N.Z. SURF TEAMS' SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Maranui Club (Wellington), 1st. Time, 23min. 50 1-5sec.

Lyall Bay (Wellington), 2nd. Time, 24min. 11 4-5sec.

### N.Z. SURF TEAM'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

St. Clair Club (Otago), 1st. Time, 27min. 10 1-5sec.

Taylor's Mistake (Canterbury), 2nd. Time, 28min. 33sec.

### N.Z. SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF CHAMPIONSHIP.

F. G. Ryan (Taranaki), 1st. Time, 5min. 31 2-5sec.

J. T. Clark (Maranui Club, Wellington), 2nd. Time, 5min. 36 1-5sec.

### N.Z. JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL SURF CHAMPIONSHIP.

H. Goldsmith (Taylor's Mistake Club, Canterbury), 1st. Time, 5min. 8 3-5sec.

R. Kennedy (North Beach, Canterbury), 2nd. Time, 5min. 32 3-5sec.

### CAMBRIAN RESUSCITATION SHIELD COMPETITION.

Maranui B (K. F. Hoy, Wellington), 53½ points, 1st.

Maranui A (Wellington), 53 points, 2nd.

To the various clubs and individuals who secured championship honours congratulations are extended. To the non-successful competitors a word of praise is due for the excellence of their displays in the various events and though not successful on this occasion there is every reason to believe that next year they will attain the coveted honour of N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Champions.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. J. C. Blakeley of the Lyall Bay Club, Wellington, in securing the Surf Beltman's Championship for 1938, and to Mr. A. T. Dalton (North Beach Club, Canterbury) in filling the second position. These two members have lengthy and very creditable records to their credit and are deserving of the highest praise for their continued efficiency and general keenness and are undoubtedly ideals which the younger members of the various clubs could endeavour to emulate with advantage to themselves and the organisation.

The Council cannot conclude this section of its report without placing on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the officials of the Canterbury Association and the only regret is that their tasks were not carried out under much better weather conditions.

Though references will be made in a later stage of this report to the activities of the Hon. Board of Judges the Council desires to record appreciation of the services rendered by the gentlemen who officiated as hon. judges for the Championships and whose decisions were received with approbation.

#### NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING TEAM TO VISIT AUSTRALIA.

History was made by the Association during the past year when an invitation was issued by the A.S.L.S.A. to send a team of 10 members and a manager to visit Sydney and participate in the Australian Surf Life-Saving Championships of 1938. The selection of the manager was decided by ballot at the annual general meeting of the Association held on October 30th and Mr. H. S. Feast (President, Canterbury Surf Association) was elected from twelve nominations received and voted upon. The appointment of the necessary selection committee was the next matter dealt with and Messrs. H. S. Feast (Canterbury), P. D. Edwards and V. Allan (Wellington) were appointed. Nominations for membership in the team were invited from all clubs under the jurisdiction of the Association and twenty-nine nominations were received and the task of the selectors was a formidable one indeed. It was decided that the final selection of the team should be announced on the day following the conclusion of the N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Championships to be held at New Brighton on January 22nd. After examinations of various aspects of the work and due and lengthy deliberations the following team was announced:—A. T. F. Stokes, R. Pelham, J. C. Blakeley, E. Stevens, A. T. Dalton, J. A. Young, J. Williams, D. K. Symes, D. K. Evans, J. Clark.

It was with regret that the selectors accepted the resignation of Mr. J. C. Blakeley from inclusion in the team and after an invitation was accorded Mr. F. G. Ryan and declined, the Selection Committee thereupon selected H. C. Downs to join the team. The team departed from Wellington on February 8th. On arrival at Sydney

the party was received by members of the A.S.L.S.A., and during the stay in Sydney the Manager and members of the party received all possible courtesy and assistance. On their behalf the Association takes this opportunity of conveying to the A.S.L.S.A., its officials and members, sincerest thanks and appreciation for the reception and treatment accorded the team and party. This visit will undoubtedly help in the strengthening of the bonds of friendship between the members of the two Associations, and though the New Zealand team competed under Australian conditions of drill, the net result of their efforts was most satisfactory indeed. Mr. A. T. F. Stokes (Canterbury) and Mr. R. Pelham (Wellington) were appointed Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. That a continuance of such interchange of visits will be beneficial to our organisation cannot be denied, and the hope is expressed that it may be possible in the future to send another team across the Tasman Sea to compete in what should then be the INTER-DOMINION SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS. On Saturday, February 19th, the Australian Championships were held and the New Zealand team had the honour of leading in the March Past Championship and put up a very creditable display. This event was won by the North Bondi Club (N.S.W.). In the Beltman's Championship A. T. Dalton swam into third place in his heat and into fourth place in the final—a really creditable performance when one recalls the swimming ability of the members of the A.S.L.S.A. team that visited New Zealand in 1937. In the Junior Surf Race H. Goldsmith finished fourth out of 30 starters and great credit is due to this young member for his splendid effort. In the INVITATION R. and R. Competition the following represented New Zealand: A. T. F. Stokes, R. Pelham (patient), J. Williams (beltman), H. C. Downs, J. A. Young, D. K. Symes. In finishing as runners-up to the N.S.W. team great credit is due and readily given to the members chosen to represent the Dominion in such an important event. At the Night Carnival held at Coogee on Wednesday, February 23rd, the team competed in various events but with the exception of A. T. Dalton who finished third in the International Surf Belt Race, and H. Goldsmith who also finished third in the Junior Surf Race, were not very successful. In the Coogee Bay Senior Belt Race, A. T. F. Stokes put up a creditable performance against experienced opponents. The New Zealand team secured second place out of six starters in the Inter-Dominion March Past Championship held on the Manly Beach on February 26th. In the Junior Surf Race H. Goldsmith was in the third position at the finish. In the Inter-Dominion R. and R. Championship the following represented New Zealand: A. T. F. Stokes, D. K. Evans (belt), R. Pelham (patient), J. Clark, J. Williams, D. K. Symes—and secured second position to N.S.W. At the conclusion of all events N.S.W. had won all the trophies with Queensland second and New Zealand third. Reviewing the foregoing results achieved by members of the team we are more than pleased with the net result and look forward to future competitions with great interest. The undoubted swimming ability of the average Australian competitor is reflected in the results secured at these championships. The experience gained by the members of the team and official party as the outcome of this visit should be of immense value to the operations of our Association in the future. The party arrived back in New Zealand and were accorded a welcome by members of the Council. The report of the manager was considered by the Council at a later date and appreciation was expressed at the results of the tour.

## SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF MR. D. C. LUCAS.

### Cronulla Surf Life-Saving Club, N.S.W.

The Council cannot conclude this section of its report without paying tribute to the excellent services rendered to the team by Mr. D. C. Lucas, who spent many hours in training the team, often at great inconvenience to himself, and we desire to extend to him our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

To other officials and members of the A.S.L.S.A. who in any way assisted the members of the team in their training.

### NATIONAL GEAR RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

It is appropriate at this stage of the report to refer to the work done by the members of the above committee, Messrs. V. Allan (a member of your Council), E. B. Hughes (Wellington) and W. F. Webb (Auckland), who, during their visit to Sydney investigated various matters of importance relative to gear, etc., and the consultations held with the A.S.L.S.A. Gear Research Committee. The committee's report was received and referred to the N.Z. Gear Committee for consideration. Appreciation is herein expressed to Mr. N. Hayton, Hon. Secretary A.S.L.S.A. Gear Research Committee, for his courtesy to our committee and the assistance that he and the members of his committee afforded our representatives to investigate the matter of gear.

### CONFERENCE ON RESUSCITATION.

Opportunity was taken for the Association to be represented at the conference on resuscitation convened by the A.S.L.S.A. Dr. T. H. Pettit (Auckland), V. Allan (Wellington), and D. K. Symes (Canterbury) represented the Association and reported on the proceedings of the conference which dealt at length with matters relating to the adoption of the C.O.2 Gas Gun. Thanks are extended to the above-named gentlemen for their attendance at the conference and the report.

### INSTRUCTIONAL CONFERENCE.

Representatives of the N.Z.S.L.S. Association, Messrs. V. Allan (Councillor), H. S. Feast (Manager), and C. B. Hughes attended an Instructional Conference and many matters of importance were dealt with. Your representatives were impressed with the thoroughness in which this aspect of the practical work was carried out and the representatives have already submitted a report on the conference.

### SURF LIFE-SAVING MEDALLIONS.

The training for this distinctive emblem of the Association requires complete knowledge of all details of drill, etc., in the various phases of its operations and is the goal to which all interested members aim to reach, for it is recognised as the hall-mark of efficiency and ability to render prompt service to those requiring assistance in the water. The test is severe and it is gratifying to record the increasing number of members who have during the past year secured this coveted medallion and thus rank as an EFFICIENT SURF LIFE-SAVER, EVER READY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE, AND WHOSE WATCHWORD IS VIGILANCE, SERVICE, ENDURANCE.

The following table of Surf Awards issued during the past year makes interesting study:—

Auckland District	.....	63
Canterbury District	.....	31
Otago District	.....	—
Taranaki District	.....	42
Wellington District	.....	18
		Total 154

### ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY'S COMPETITION, 1937-1938. "LONDON TROPHY."

The Council is pleased to report on the success attained in the second competition for this excellent trophy presented to the Association by the Central Executive R.L.S.S. (London). When reviewing the result of the first effort in this competition it was realised that District Associations had not then visualised the benefits to be gained by competing in this competition to the fullest extent of their ability to do so, but a review of the report submitted by the adjudicator for the competition on behalf of the Association (Mr. V. Allan) discloses a most pleasing increase in the interest displayed in the competition and should be very gratifying to the donors of the trophy. The report discloses that no fewer than six new clubs had been formed during the year with the consequent patrolling of six new beaches. The issuing of Bronze and Surf Medallions during the year more than doubled in numbers. The report contains regret—which is endorsed by the Council—that the Otago Association has not entered the competition and hopes are here expressed that this important district will do so next season. A district that can produce National Championship teams should not be out of such a competition. The result of the competition is as follows:—

Wellington District Association (16 points)	1
Taranaki District Association (14.50 points)	2
Canterbury District Association (9.43 points)	3
Auckland District Association (7.15 points)	4

Recognising that the rules of this competition precludes entrance by individual clubs the Council has decided to inaugurate a competition for such clubs under a set of rules as now apply to the district association and the result of this competition to be tabulated with the report on the London Trophy and a donation to be paid to the leading individual club.

Congratulations are extended to the Wellington District Surf Life-Saving Association for securing the trophy for this year and to them and the other associations for the excellent results of the competition.

### HON. BOARD OF JUDGES.

At the conclusion of the National Surf Life-Saving Championships the Board submitted a very comprehensive report on its review of the championships and during the year dealt with many matters

of importance to the organisation. The anticipated change of methods of drill which will come before this annual general meeting for ratification will entail considerable work for the members of the Board who we feel sure will undertake the new task in the same manner of efficiency as they have dealt with other matters. Thanks are here expressed to the chairman and members of the Board for the services they have rendered during the past year.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AND SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEES.

During the year many sub-committees have been appointed to deal with matters of importance to the Association and the special sub-committee appointed to prepare data re surveys submitted by the district associations for presentation to the National Council of Physical Recreation and Health, had a very heavy task, and in placing the final survey before that body we feel sure that the claims of the Surf Life-Saving Clubs will be conveyed in as comprehensive a manner as possible. This survey will also include a lengthy statement produced by Mr. R. Perkins and dealing with cases of drownings.

The Constitution Sub-Committee has also had a heavy year of work and here again the decision to change sections of the drill, etc., will add to the task of this committee. Thanks are extended to the various committees herein mentioned for their work during the year.

### FUNCTIONING OF GEAR COMMITTEE.

This committee continues to function to the entire satisfaction of the Council and District Associations and during the year many letters of appreciation have been received re gear supplied. Tributes have been paid to the committee by officials of the A.S.L.S.A. re the reel sent over to Sydney with the New Zealand team and by the New Brighton Surf Life-Saving Club in the remodelling of one of its reels so as to be used as either a hand carried or wheel propelled reel. During the past year the following gear has been supplied to clubs:—

Standardised Reel	....	....	....	....	6
Standardised Lines	....	....	....	....	15
Standardised Belts	....	....	....	....	24
Patrol Costumes	....	....	....	....	12
Handbooks	....	....	....	....	69

To the chairman and members of this committee thanks are extended for excellent services rendered during the past year.

### MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE.

During the year this committee dealt with applications and after due deliberation decided that the cases considered were worthy of letters of appreciation.

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWIMMING AND LIFE-SAVING.

The report of the National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving will be placed before you during the period of the annual general meeting but the Council desires to take this early opportunity of extending its congratulations to the committee on the

success attained in its first "Learn to Swim" effort when no less than 12,907 were certified as having received and passed the necessary qualifications to become swimmers. Various recommendations dealing with matters of organisation will be dealt with in the report. The Council during the year again made its financial grant of £20 towards the funds of the National Committee.

### FORMATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH.

The Council desires to congratulate the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs and the Government on the formation of the above Council and looks forward to the future operations of the new body with keen interest and a definite assurance of the fullest co-operation possible by this Association. We are fully appreciative of the difficult tasks that lie ahead of the Council. Many and varied will be the functions of the new body. Its scope of opportunities to improve the general health and physical standard of the community as a whole is very wide and though many applications will be received for financial grants to various sporting organisations we believe that the members of the Council are fully alive to the national advantages of the operations of the many sporting organisations and will see that they are placed in the relative degree of importance and ability to render to the community as a whole and their individual members the greatest amount of benefit from the viewpoint of health and recreation. We desire no spirit of favouritism in the dispensing of assistance but that only the organisations will be judged on the merits of their ability to render service to the community. We feel sure that the appointment of the Association's Hon. Medical Advisor, Dr. T. H. Pettit, to the National Council is a sound choice.

### PROPOSED ADOPTION OF METHODS OF AUSTRALIAN DRILL.

The special general meeting of the Association held on May 28th at Wellington deliberated at length on the matter of adopting certain phases of the Australian Drill and the matter will be placed before you at this annual general meeting for confirmation. The matter is one of importance to the Association and will be far-reaching in its effect. It is apparent that if the question of interchange of visits to Australia is contemplated in the future or visits from the A.S.L.S.A. to the Dominion received then the matter of adopting as near as possible (compatible with local conditions) a series of drill methods adaptable to both organisations is essential.

### FINANCES.

The financial statement as drawn up by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. H. Jackson) is appended to this report and makes interesting reading and an indication of the growth of the Association. The Hon. Treasurer is to be congratulated on the amount of work that he has done during the past and the appreciation of the Council is extended to him. A greater degree of educational work could be undertaken if finances would permit and in this respect we look forward to the future with hope of greater recognition of Local Bodies and the general public. The necessity of publishing a revised section of the handbook will add to the incoming year's expenditure.

## MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

Apart from the many meetings held by the various sub-committees during the year the full Council met on 11 occasions and the following is the record of attendances:—P. F. Coira (11), W. H. Gerrie (10), N. A. Ingram (11), F. H. Jackson (11), P. D. Edwards (10), V. Allan (11), R. Perkins (11), A. H. Ross (11), H. Dickson (10), J. C. Blakeley (11), J. L. Dighton (10), W. S. Harris (10), F. Chapman (10), M. G. Adams (11), H. S. Sidford (9), D. P. Buckley (11).

## AFFILIATIONS.

The following district associations are affiliated to the Association—Auckland, Canterbury, Otago, Taranaki, and Wellington, and the following individual clubs—Castlecliff, Foxton, Te Awa, Grey-mouth (provisional).

## NEW CLUBS FORMED.

The Council records with the greatest of pleasure the formation of the following new clubs and extends congratulations to the District Associations concerned in this excellent result:—New Plymouth Boys' High School Club, Oakura Surf Club, Inaha Surf Club (Taranaki District), Y.M.C.A. Club (Wellington District).

In welcoming the officers and members of the new clubs into the organisation the Council trusts that they will have a very successful period of activities.

## DELEGATES TO THE A.S.L.S.A.

During the year the Council, on the recommendation of a special committee, appointed Messrs. D. C. Lucas, L. Dawkins and G. Wray as its delegates on the A.S.L.S.A. and these delegates are already keenly interested in their office and are willing at all times to give every assistance possible. The Council extends to these gentlemen appreciation and thanks for the interest they are displaying on behalf of the Association.

## DOMINION COUNCIL R.L.S.S. AND N.Z.A.S.A.

It is with pleasure that the Council again records its appreciation of the continued spirit of co-operation and goodwill that exists between the three organisations. Whilst such a spirit remains the future of Natatorial activities will always be of the brightest and best. After a lengthy period of office as Secretary of the Dominion Council R.L.S.S., Mr. S. K. Bassett (Christchurch) resigned from the position and the Council takes this opportunity of expressing in this report its keen appreciation of the excellent services rendered by Mr. Bassett and wishes him long years of peaceful happiness in his retirement.

To his successor, Mr. J. L. Breward, we tender congratulations on his appointment and assure him of our desire to work in the closest co-operation with him and his Council.

## COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DOMINION COUNCIL R.L.S.S.

Appreciation is expressed to Mr. G. L. Griffiths (Christchurch) for his services to the Association on the above Council during the past year.



## **WORK OF DISTRICT SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATIONS.**

The Council desires to again record its appreciation of the cordial relationships that exist between the district associations and the Council and its officers. Congratulations are extended to the executive and officers of the various associations for the excellent work done during the past year. To those who may be retiring from office at the forthcoming annual meetings of the Association we take this opportunity of thanking them for services rendered to the Association and district. The Council is gratified at the prompt response of many of the district associations in the matter of forwarding the necessary return forms to the Council's officers and appeals for a continuance of such action in the future. A mutual desire to assist each other in this respect will help considerably in the functioning of the Association.

## **INDIVIDUAL CLUBS' ACTIVITIES.**

The work of the individual clubs is fully recognised and appreciated by your Council and thanks are here expressed to the officers and members of such clubs for the excellent work that they are doing. There are still a few clubs operating in the Dominion which have not yet finalised the matter of affiliation to the N.Z.S.L.S.A. and it is suggested that these clubs should give early consideration to this important matter, for it must be evident that such clubs have everything to gain and nothing to lose by affiliating with the National Association.

The clubs referred to are the Tangimoana Club (Manawatu), Porangahau Club (Hawke's Bay), Westport and Hokitika Clubs (West Coast, South Island).

## **SURF LIFE-SAVING CLUBS ON WEST COAST OF SOUTH ISLAND.**

The Council desires the annual meeting to give consideration as to the best method of securing the fullest co-operation and co-ordination of Surf Life-Saving Clubs operating on the West Coast of the South Island. It is evident that these clubs cannot be controlled by the Canterbury Association in view of the distance of travel, etc. It may be advisable to endeavour to form a distinct district association for the West Coast as it is necessary to ensure that members of such clubs are fully competent to undertake the work of surf life-savers and are holders of the necessary qualifications to do so. An investigation of the position is desirable and urgent.

## **CARBON DI-OXIDE GAS GUN—C.O.2.**

This important matter, brought forward by Mr. A. Gardner (Auckland) was considered at the special general meeting held on 28th May, 1938, and reports re same have been received from the Hon. Medical Advisors. It is hoped to place before you at this meeting a report from the Central Division, St. John Aumblance, Sydney, N.S.W., dealing with the efficiency of this method of resuscitation.

## **1940 CENTENNIAL SURF LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

The Council recognising the importance to the Dominion of the Centennial celebrations has extended to the A.S.L.S.A. an invitation to send 16 representatives and a manager to visit the Dominion in 1940, such invitation to be confirmed when satisfactory financial arrangements are made. The Association having previously decided

that the 1940 N.Z. Surf Life-Saving Championships should be held in Wellington due recognition of the claims of other district associations for the appearance of the Australian team in the various districts and towns will be given at the opportune time. It is essential for the success of such a visit that the matter of discussions of ways and means should be dealt with as early as possible and in this respect it may be advisable for the annual general meeting to appoint a special committee to consider same. An application has been received from the Auckland Centennial Committee to hold the 1940 Surf Championships at Auckland but in view of the decision of the annual general meeting of 1937 this is impossible to grant, but the Auckland Committee can be assured of the desire of the Council of the Association to extend its fullest co-operation in the matter of Auckland's celebrations.

### APPRECIATIONS.

The Council desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered during the past year by the following and extends its sincerest thanks.

To the Press, which has at all times given due prominence to the activities of the Association throughout the Dominion. At all times the various managements have been ready and willing to assist the cause of Surf Life-Saving.

To Mr. O. J. Mullins (Wellington) in conducting the audit of the Association's accounts.

To Sir James S. Elliott and Dr. T. H. Pettit for their excellent services as Hon. Medical Advisors during the year. The matter of the adoption of the C.O.2 Gas Gun was considered in detail by our medical advisors who submitted their opinions on the question to the Council.

To Mr. W. J. Beveridge for his services as Hon. Solicitor and though his duties were light his office is an important one.

To the officers and members of the Canterbury District Surf Life-Saving Association for hospitality extended during the N.Z. Surf Championships.

To the A.S.L.S.A. for courtesies extended to the President and General Secretary of the Association during their visits to Australia.

To the Dominion Council R.L.S.S. for the official dinner given in honour of the holding of the Surf Championships at Christchurch.

### CONCLUSION.

In recording the sixth year of operations of the Association and in concluding this report the Council reviews with gratification the progress made by the Association during the past year and looks forward to the future with even greater hopes for a still widening influence of the activities of the Association. It must be apparent that while we have unpatrolled beaches in the Dominion then the work of the Association must not stop but go onwards. We aim to have all beaches patrolled by clubs fully equipped with the latest and best methods of rendering the necessary assistance to those requiring same. The matter of motorised transportation to remote beaches has been suggested by the Auckland Association and is worthy of the fullest consideration. The Association is steadily progressing and the future holds out every hope of continued success for it is becoming apparent that there is an awakening of public interest in the work of the surf Life-Saving Clubs throughout the

Dominion. All that is required to give the movement the necessary lift along the road is for the Local Bodies to begin to realise where they stand in this humanitarian work, and when they realise that they have a moral duty to perform then the Association will readily convince them that their moral duty is to financially assist the clubs in their districts whose members devote many hours of time undertaking an obligation to be prepared to assist when the call comes. This problem of beach control and beach equipment cannot and should not be allowed to rest on the shoulders of members of Surf Life-Saving Clubs but should be tackled and overcome by the combined interest of those controlling the beaches and those who patronise them. Much has been said—and rightly so—of the dangers of road traffic and the consequent deaths and serious accidents, but an interesting study is recommended in reviewing statistical returns of drownings and road fatalities taking into consideration the limited number of months that most drownings occur in. The matter is a national and a very urgent one. The clubs are ready to do their share. Will Local Bodies and the general public do theirs?

In conclusion we would again recommend the motto of the Association to members of clubs—especially the new members—VIGILANCE, SERVICE, ENDURANCE, and in thanking them for past services so well done remind them that the future is ahead with its possibilities of calls for assistance from those in distress and that the ideals of the Association will ever be before the members of the clubs throughout the Dominion.

P. F. COIRA, President.

N. A. INGRAM. Hon. General Secretary, N.Z.S.L.S.A.

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#### AGENDA PAPER.

Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Election of Officers.

Recommendations from Special General Meeting, 28/5/1938.

Notices of Motions, Remits, etc.

General Business.

# THE NEW ZEALAND SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1938.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Surf Stock on hand, 1/9/37 .....	11	5	10	Surf Stock on hand, 31/8/38 .....	12	8	3
Purchases .....	130	17	9	Sales .....	144	12	9
			142 3 7	Handbooks on hand, 31/8/38 .....	15	0	0
Handbooks on hand, 1/9/37 .....	37	6	0	Sales .....	3	19	6
Purchases .....	1	10	9				157 1 0
			38 16 9	Australian Tour Refunds .....		18	19 6
Australian Tour Expenses .....			683 18 6	Grant—Government .....		609	7 10
Grants to District Associations—				Donation .....		500	0 0
From Government Grant .....		250	0 0	Affiliation Fees .....		12	0 6
From Association Funds .....		2	10 0	London Trophy Grant .....		25	0 0
London Trophy Awards .....		18	4 3	Championship Receipts—			
Championship Expenses—				Entrance Fees .....	31	13	6
General .....	5	6	1	Percentage .....	9	0	0
Officials .....	25	15	6				40 13 6
Trophies .....	21	2	6	Refund—Printing .....		0	9 0
			52 4 1	Sundry Expenses .....		1	7 6
Grant to National Committee of Swimming and Life-Saving .....		20	0 0				
Royal Life-Saving Society, Affiliation Fee .....		2	2 0				
Honoraria .....		41	10 0				
Printing and Duplicating .....		21	4 0				
Trophy Expenses .....		4	14 6				
Bank Charge .....		0	14 0				
Rent—P.O. Box .....		1	10 0				
Rent—Meeting Room .....		3	0 0				
Postages .....		7	12 1				
Insurance .....		1	0 0				
Sundry Expenses .....		5	3 6				
Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure	69	12	7				
			£1365 19 10				£1365 19 10

